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REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-20 were pending, all of which were rejected by the Office Action mailed August 13, 2007. By the present amendment, claim 4 is canceled, new claim 21 is added, and claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-13, 17, and 18 are amended.

Technical Rejections

Although Applicant does not concede that the pertinent limitation was not adequately supported, claim 4 is canceled in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

Claims 1, 13, and 17 have been amended to address the rejection set forth in part 4.a of the Office Action, claim 3 has been amended to address the rejections set forth in parts 4.b-d of the Office Action, and claim 8 has been amended to address the rejection set forth in part 4.e of the Office Action. The term "other data" in claim 8 finds antecedent basis in claim 7, from which it depends. Claim 18 has also been amended to address language similar to that noted in part 4 of the Office Action.

Prior Art Rejections

All of originally presented claims 1-20 were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,282,205 to Kuznicki et al., either singly or in combination with one or more additional references. In contrast with Kuznicki and the other cited references, each of the independent claims has been amended to require that the recited synchronization of transmission rate is conducted on synchronization bits in multiple (two or more) words.

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It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance in light of the present amendments. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if helpful to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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